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Hello, I'm _____ calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're doing a public opinion study in your area and I'd like very much to have the opinion of the YOUNGEST (male/female) who is a citizen of the United States and registered to vote.

Please confirm: "I reached you at this telephone number."

(READ CODE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER). IF RESPONDENT CONFIRMS, CONTINUE. IF NOT, TERMINATE.)

QA.* Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes.....	10	CONTINUE	[]
No.....	0		
Not sure.....	-	TERMINATE	

Q1.* All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Right direction....	45	[]
Wrong track.....	40	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	5	

Q2.* Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Will be a recession.....	58	[]
Will not be a recession.....	30	
Not sure.....	12	

Q3.* Do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the conflict in the Middle East?

Approve.....	7	[]
	5	

Disapprove	1
	8
Not sure...	7

Q4.* Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the United States' sending military forces to Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf?

Approve.....	7	6	0	
	6			
Disapprove	2	0		
Not sure...	5			

Q5.* Do you feel that, in the Middle East conflict, the worst is ahead for the United States or behind the United States?

Ahead.....	6	6	0	
Behind.....	2	5		
Not sure	1	0		

Q6.* Do you feel that the United States can or cannot achieve its objectives solely through economic sanctions and the blockade?

Can achieve its objectives..	4	5	0	
Cannot achieve its objectives.....	4	0		
Depends (VOL).....	4			
Not sure.....	1	0		

Q7. How long do you expect U.S. troops to be in Saudi Arabia? **(ASK AS OPEN-END)**

3 months or less.....	7	12	25	29	10	16
3 to 6 months.....						
6 months to a year.....						
1 to 3 years.....						
More than 3 years.....						
Not sure.....						

Q8. I'm going to read three reasons why some people think U.S. troops in Saudi (SAW-DEE) Arabia. Please tell me which ONE you think is the single most important reason why U.S. troops are there. **(FORCED CHOICE-READ AND RANDOMIZE 1 THRU 3)**

U.S. troops are there to protect the world's oil supply.....	50	9	2
U.S. troops are there to force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait (KOO-WAIT).....	39		
U.S. troops are there to overthrow Saddam (SAH-DAHM) Hussein (WHO-SANE).....	9		
Not sure.....	2		

Q9. Do you think U.S. and ally troops should.....**(READ CODES, BUT DO NOT ROTATE CODES 1 THRU 3)**

- Only defend Saudi Arabia..... 1 ☐
- Should defend Saudi Arabia and regain control in Kuwait, or..... 2
- Should defend Saudi Arabia, regain control in Kuwait, and invade Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein?..... 3
- Not sure..... 4

I'm going to mention some things that may or may not happen in the Middle East and for each one, please tell me whether the U.S. should or should not take military action in connection with it. (READ EACH ITEM AND ASK:) Should the U.S. take military action in connection with this? (RANDOMIZE Q. 10 thru Q.16)

		Should Take <u>Military</u> <u>Action</u>	Should Not Take Military <u>Action</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Q10.*	If Iraq invades Saudi Arabia.....	84	11	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q11.*	If Iraq imprisons or mistreats Americans left in Kuwait.	73	22	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q12.*	If terrorists loyal to Iraq kill Americans anywhere.....	68	26	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q13.*	If Iraq refuses to withdraw from Kuwait.....	56	36	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q14.*	If the U.S. develops a major shortage of oil that increases the price of gasoline to over \$2 per gallon....	24	71	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q15.*	If the U.S. develops a major shortage of oil that threatens an economic recession and closes some of our factories.....	37	57	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q16.*	If any of the hostages are harmed.....	72	22	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

Let me read some policy alternatives facing the United States. For each, please tell me if you support or oppose it. (READ CHOICE AND ASK:) Do you support or oppose that move? (ROTATE Q17 & Q18)

Q17.* Invading Iraq to free Americans who are unable to leave.

Support.....	61	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oppose.....	35	
Not sure.....	4	

Q18. Calling up additional National Guard or reserves to back up troops overseas.

Support.....	71	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oppose.....	21	
Not sure.....	2	

Q19. Thinking about all the recent changes in the world, including the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, do you think the U.S. should increase our level of defense spending, decrease it, or keep the level of spending about the same.

Increase.....	20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decrease.....	17	
Keep about the same.....	61	
Not sure.....	2	

Q20. Which one of the following do you think the federal government should do to pay for the cost of sending our troops to the Middle East? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE 1 THRU 3)**

Temporarily increase taxes.....	18	[]
Cut domestic spending enough to pay for the additional defense cost.....	27	
Live with a larger budget deficit until the Middle East problem is over.....	38	
Have other countries help pay the cost (VOLUNTEERED).....	12	
Not sure.....	5	

(IF CUT TAXES IN Q.20 ASK:)

Q21. Do you think domestic spending can or cannot be reduced enough to pay these increased defense costs without harming essential programs?

Can be reduced.....	62	[]
Cannot be reduced.....	28	
Not sure.....	10	

Q22.* Which of the following do you think will be the ultimate result of our actions in the Middle East: **(READ CHOICES)**

America will have to withdraw without achieving its objectives.....	8	[]
America will achieve its objectives without a shooting war..	5 2	
America will end up in a war with Iraq.....	3 6	
Not sure.....	4	

Q23.* As of right now, which side do you feel has the upper hand in this conflict--the United States or Iraq?

United States.....	6 8	[]
Iraq.....	2 2	
Both equal (VOL)	4	
Neither (VOL)....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

Q24. If Soviet President Gorbachev were to play a role in negotiating a peace between Iraq and the U.S., do you think the U.S. could or could not trust him to represent our interests?

Could trust.....	66	[]
Could not.....	27	
Not sure.....	8	

Q25. Have you seen any of the media coverage of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's recent meetings with hostages?

Yes.....	73	<input type="checkbox"/>
No.....	27	
Not sure.....	7	

(IF YES IN Q.25 ASK:)

Q26. Do you think these meetings have helped or hurt President Hussein's image with the American people?

Helpd image.....	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hurt image.....	86	
No difference (VOLUNTEERED).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

Q27. Over the last ten years, which one of the following Middle East leaders have you disliked the most? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE 1 THRU 3).**

Ayatollah Khomeini.....	37	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colonel Muamar Kadhafi.....	28	
President Saddam Hussein.....	15	
All equal (VOLUNTEERED).....	14	
Didn't dislike any (VOLUNTEERED)....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only....

QD28.* Generally speaking do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?

QD29a*Would you call yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

QD29b*Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT")

Strong Democrat.....	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8	
Not Strong Democrat.....	1	
	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly Independent.....	1	
	2	
Independent/lean Republican....	9	
Not strong Republican.....	1	
	8	
Strong Republican.....	1	
	4	
Other/Refused.....	1	

QD30.* How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-29	9	
30-34.....	1	
	3	
35-39.....	1	
	3	
40-44.....	1	
	1	
45-49.....	7	
50-54.....	6	
55-59.....	8	
60-64.....	7	
65 and over.....	1	
	8	
Not sure.....	-	

QD31. Do you have a son who is 18 to 26 years of age?

Yes.....	18	<input type="checkbox"/>
No.....	82	
Not sure.....	-	

QD32.* Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
.	3	
Black	1	
.	1	
Hispanic.	4	
.		
Asian	-	
.		
Other.	2	
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Not sure/refused	-	